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SUBJECT: ESCAP:1976 TYPHOON COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 252658

1. THIS IS ONLY PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO REFTEL. UNFORTUNATELY, KEY ESCAP OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED IN TODAY'S ROYAL DEDICATION OF UN SECRETARIAT BUILDING AND UN DAY CEREMONY AND, THEREFORE, UNABLE PROVIDE FULL DETAILS. HOST GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETINGS BASED ON ESCAP MANUAL WILL BE TRANSMITTED SOONEST WHEN OBTAINED.

2. ESCAP SECRETARIAT (ROGERS AND FINLINSON) STATES INVITATIONS ARE ALWAYS ISSUED BY ESCAP AND SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. US WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AT NEXT TYPHOON COMMITTEE OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO HOST SUBSEQUENT MEETING AND THEN CONFIRM SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT IN LETTER TO ESCAP SECRETARIAT.

3. PARA 3, REFTEL, ASSUMPTION CORRECT: ESCAP WOULD EXPECT HOST COVER COSTS IN EXCESS OF HOLDING MEETING IN BANGKOK. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM OF SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, BECAUSE TYPHOON COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERED A LEGISLATIVE BODY AND SECRETARIAT FUNDS ALL THESE COSTS. CONFERENCE ROOM OBVIOUSLY MUST BE PROVIDED PLUS BOOTHS AND COMMU-
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NICATION FACILITIES FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION PERFORMED BY THREE INTERPRETERS. OFFICE SPACE AT CONFERENCE SITE AND PROVISION

OF SEVERAL FULLY EQUIPPED TYPISTS WITH REPRODUCTION FACILITIES TO PRODUCE 30 PAGE FINAL DRAFT REPORT ALSO NECESSARY. MOST DOCUMENTATION WILL HAVE BEEN PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME BY SECRETARIAT HERE.

4. SECRETARIAT EXPECTS 50 OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARIAT STAFF TO ATTEND. LATTER INCLUDE THREE TYPHOON COMMITTEE, TWO ESCAP AND TWO WMO OFFICIALS. HOST COUNTRY EXPECTED PROVIDE ONE CAR FOR SECRETARIAT USE IF POSSIBLE. HOST COUNTRY ALSO EXPECTED TO PROVIDE RECEPTION.

5. WE HAVE CONTACTED PHILIPPINE PERMREP TO OBTAIN GOP COSTS FOR HOSTING LAST YEAR'S TYPHOON COMMITTEE. PERHAPS MEMBERS OF LAST YEAR'S USDEL CAN PROVIDE USEFUL ESTIMATE. WE DID NOT ATTEND NOR RECEIVE THEIR REPORT.

6. EXSEC MARAMIS REPORTED TO SECRETARIAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH FACILITIES HE WAS SHOWN ON GUAM BY GOVERNOR BORDALLO.

7. WE NOTE DPRK HAS NEVER RPT NEVER ATTENDED TYPHOON CMT. MTG. WHITEHOUSE

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